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SUBJECT: UNEF RENEWAL

FOR AMBASSADOR TOON FROM SISCO

1. I CALLED AMB. DINITZ TODAY TO INFORM HIM OF USG'S
PRESENT TENTATIVE THINKING WITH REGARD HANDLING OF SC
CONSIDERATION OF UNEF RENEWAL AND TO UNDERLINE AT SAME
TIME NECESSITY OF USG AND GOI REMAINING IN CLOSE CONTACT
ON MATTER.

2. I TOLD DINITZ WE HAVE INDICATIONS RUSSIANS ARE
NEGATIVE ON IDEA OF ONE-YEAR EXTENSION. WE WILL, OF COURSE,
INSIST UPON IT, BUT OUR FEELING IS THAT BEST WAY TO PROCEED
IN LIGHT CURRENT SITUATION IS TO HAVE SECURITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE COUNTRIES.

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WE WILL BE REMINDING SC PRESIDENT OF FACT THAT AGREEMENT

CALLS FOR ANNUAL RENEWALS. OBVIOUSLY, HE WILL EARLY ON WANT TO CONSULT EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS, AT WHICH TIME PARTIES COULD INDICATE ORALLY THEY FAVOR ONE-YEAR EXTENSION. WE FEEL THERE IS NO NEED AT THIS TIME FOR EITHER EGYPTIANS OR ISRAELIS TO TAKE ANY LEAD OR MAKE ANY FORMAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING RENEWAL.

3. DINITZ WAS INFORMED THIS OUR PRESENT THOUGHT, AND THAT WE WILL WANT TO KEEP IN DAILY CONTACT WITH ISRAELIS ON THIS MATTER. SISCO ALSO INDICATED HE WILL WANT TO PROCEED IN SC IN SUCH WAY AS TO MINIMIZE NUMBER OF TARGETS SOVIETS CAN SHOOT AT. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY SEEM CONCERNED ABOUT ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY HAVE SC ENDORSE US PRESENCE IN SINAI.

4. IN CLOSING, I EMPHASIZED THAT TWO PRINCIPAL POINTS I WANTED DINITZ TO GET ACROSS TO GOI WAS: (1) THAT USG AND GOI MUST COORDINATE CLOSELY ON THIS AND (2) THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING TO GET SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS. DINITZ SAID HE WOULD PASS THIS ON.

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